

## **Public Notice Soda Springs, Idaho**

The Public Comment Period for the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry Health Assessment for the Monsanto site will run from June 17, 1991, to July 17, 1991. Comments received after that time will not be considered. Comments received during the public comment period will be logged and become part of the administrative record for the Health Assessment. Comments and responses will be included in an appendix to the final Health Assessment. Commenters' names will not be included in the Health Assessment, however, they are subject to Freedom of Information Act requests. For that reason, individuals should exercise their own judgment concerning the inclusion of any personal health information or other confidential data in comments sent to ATSDR. Only written comments will be accepted. Comments should be directed to:

Lydia Ogden Askew  
Community Involvement Liaison  
ATSDR (E32)  
1600 Clifton Road, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30333

The Health Assessment is available at the following repositories in Soda Springs:

Soda Springs Library  
149 South Main

City Administrator's Office  
Soda Springs City Hall  
9 West Second South

Southeastern District Health Department  
184 South Main  
Soda Springs 83276

Please contact ATSDR Regional Representatives in Seattle, Joel Mulder or Greg Thomas, at 206/553-2711 or Ms. Ogden Askew at 404/639-0610 or 404/330-9543 (24 hours) if you have questions.

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### ATSDR ANNOUNCES PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON HEALTH ASSESSMENT

ATLANTA -- The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), part of the U.S. Public Health Service, is investigating the Monsanto site in Soda Springs, Idaho, focusing on various potential sources of environmental contamination to determine their public health implications.

ATSDR is preparing a Health Assessment -- an evaluation of data and information on the release of hazardous substances into the environment -- on the Monsanto site. Health Assessments are used to assess any current or future impact on public health, develop Health Advisories or other recommendations and identify studies or actions needed to evaluate and mitigate or prevent human health effects.

Health Assessments rely on three sources of information: environmental data, health outcome data and reports of community concerns. Environmental data detail the chemicals at a site and indicate their potential pathways to reach humans. Health outcome data include reports of injury, disease or death in the community. Reports of community concerns document the public's

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descriptions of how a site affects their health and quality of life.

Following internal ATSDR review, and review by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Idaho Department of Health, the Monsanto-Soda Springs Health Assessment is now available for public review and comment. The public comment period for the Health Assessment will run from June 17 to July 17, 1991. Comments received after that time will not be considered.

Comments received during the public comment period will be logged and become part of the administrative record for the Health Assessment. Comments (without attribution) and responses will be included in an appendix to the final Health Assessment. Although commenters' names will not be included in the Health Assessment, they are subject to Freedom of Information Act requests. For that reason, individuals should exercise their own judgment concerning the inclusion of any personal health information or other confidential data in comments sent to ATSDR. Only written comments will be accepted.

Health Assessments will be available in the community.

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Citizens seeking information on the public comment procedures should contact Regional Representatives in Seattle, Joel Mulder and Greg Thomas, at 206/553-2711 or the Community Involvement Liaison, Lydia Ogden Askew, at 404/639-0610 (during the workday) or 404/330-9543 (24-hour message service).

News representatives seeking information about the Health Assessment, the public comment period or related issues should contact Mike Greenwell, ATSDR Office of Policy and External Affairs, 404/639-0727.

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